

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area 401 West Hillcrest Drive Thousand Oaks, California 91360

PUBLIC NOTICE EMERGENCY CLOSURE AND RESTRICTED ACCESS DUE TO FIRE ON NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROPERTY

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Unit and Deer Creek Canyon

By order of the Superintendent of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and under the authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5(a) and Section 1.5(a) (1):

All VISITORS to Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area are hereby notified of the following <u>emergency</u> <u>closure</u> of Rancho Sierra Vista - Satwiwa Native American Indian Natural Area:

• Eastern section of Satwiwa Loop Trail

All VISITORS to Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area are hereby notified of the following <u>restricted access</u> of Rancho Sierra Vista - Satwiwa Native American Indian Natural Area and Deer Creek Canyon:

 Public access is restricted to established official roads and trails from sunrise to sunset in Rancho Sierra Vista and Deer Creek Canyon

By order of the Superintendent of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) and in accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the preceding restrictions are established for the proper management, protection, and public use of those portions of SMMNRA under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. The applicable regulatory text from Title 36 follows:

36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

- (a) Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the superintendent may:
 - (1) Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use or activity.
 - (2) Designate areas for a specific use or activity, or impose conditions or restrictions on a use or activity.

To provide for public safety and protection of natural and cultural resources, these limited public uses of National Park Service land in Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa and Deer Creek Canyon areas, shall remain in effect until December 31, 2013.

For more information regarding these restrictions, please call 805-370-2301 or visit our website at http://www.nps.gov/samo. Public cooperation and compliance will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

David Szymansi Superintendent

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